



**Torpedo Factory Artists' Association (TFAA)
Statement for Waterfront Plan Community Meeting
April 23, 2009**

The TFAA operates the Torpedo Factory Art Center on behalf of the City. Our artists welcome and engage visitors who come from all over the country and around the world to visit this unique cultural destination.

Under the Torpedo Factory Art Center roof you will find:

- 82 working studios with 150 professional artists
- 4 media specific co-op galleries
- The Art League Gallery and School
- Target Gallery, national and international exhibition space, operated by TFAA
- Information Center, operated by TFAA
- Alexandria Archaeology Museum, operated by Office of Historic Alexandria
- The Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center

The Art League, studio artists, and co-op galleries are all members of the Torpedo Factory Artists' Association, while the Friends and Alexandria Archaeology are separate organizations under our roof.

Our waterfront planning needs:

- Enhance Alexandria's reputation as an arts destination with an affinity for history
- Encourage a positive flow of visitors along the waterfront
- Install wayfinding signage, which we understand is in progress
- Incorporate performing artists from the City's seasonal programming

TFAA recommendation for the waterfront plan:

The Torpedo Factory Artists' Association recommends approval of the Alexandria Commission for the Art's waterfront concept. We applaud the use of art in public spaces, sculpture trails, and other creative incorporation of art with the waterfront.

This use of the waterfront would benefit residents and visitors alike, and enhance Alexandria's identity as a truly remarkable arts destination and a beautiful city.

For follow up questions, please contact:

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